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SUBJECT: OFFSET - ENRICHED URANIUM PURCHASE

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1. OFFICIALS OF FRG MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HAVE HEARD REPORTS THAT USAEC WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ABLE TO CONTRACT FOR URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES BEYOND PRESENT COMMITMENTS -- AT LEAST NOT UNTIL FURTHER STUDY OF CAPACITY VS DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN REQUIREMENTS. TECHMIN REPS ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY FEW US FIRMS MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPLY NATURAL URANIUM.

2. AS NOTED IN PARA. 2, REF (A) AND IN REF (B), FRG PLANS TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM UNDER THE OFFSET AGREEMENT BY SEEKING TO PURCHASE NATURAL URANIUM AND CONVERSION, TRANSPORTATION AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES FROM US SUPPLIERS AND USAEC, TOTALLING DM 200 MILLION. THEY ESTIMATE THAT ROUGHLY HALF OF THIS AMOUNT WOULD BE SPENT FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES.

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3. TECHMIN REPS WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF

PRESENT SITUATION AS IT MAY INFLUENCE FORTHCOMING
OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS. NUKEM HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO
NEGOTIATE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS OF URANIUM ENRICHMENT
PURCHASE UNDER OFFSET, AS REPORTED IN REF (B), BUT
TECHMIN REPS EMPHASIZED THAT POLICY QUESTIONS RELATED
TO FULFILLMENT OF FRG OBLIGATIONS UNDER OFFSET
AGREEMENT MUST REMAIN GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO
TECHMIN QUESTIONS.
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